

Pan American Health Organization Statement during the High-Level Event on Human Security, held at the United Nations ECOSOC Chamber, in New York City on 8 May 2013.

I speak on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization that is the Regional office of the World Health Organization.

I want to congratulate the 10 years since the Commission on Human Security Report of May 1, 2003.

After extensive discussions and consultations the Ministers of Health that constitute the Directing Council of the Pan America Health Organization, on October 1, 2010 approved a resolution to analyze the inclusion of Human Security in their Health Plans, always within their national sovereignty and legislation.

The Resolution CD50.R16 asked PAHO Secretariat to follow the global developments on the Human Security debate and build, with the Member States, the appropriate guides for policy design and program implementation in public health with the Human Security approach; PAHO has done that. We have seen the need for the approach to the complex interrelated threats that surround many of the communities in the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean: we have seen this in the practice of Human Security Trust Fund projects as well as other public health programs using a Human Security like approach. We want to continue working on this line, we welcome the General Assembly Resolution of 2012 on Human Security, and we look forward for the years to come in building together action “*in larger freedom*” and people’s dignity.

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